

HOW DOES MY
INSTINCT TO
CRITICIZE
OTHERS
LIMIT MY
AWARENESS?



OUR FOCUS



St. Isidore Church provides a safe, positive, and nurturing environment so that persons of every background feel included and engaged here.



Our doors are open. We reach out to those who are seeking God's grace and meet them where they are.



St. Isidore Church is a strong, passionate place of faith. Together we will build up our community and share it with those around us.

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FR. MARK'S MUSINGS

As some of you have noticed, I have some very definite ideas about politics, and as far as I can tell, most of my ideas are quite a bit different than those of most parishioners here. This is not a bad thing. Some people say that a priest should not talk about politics from the pulpit, while others say they don't want to engage in conversations about politics. While I can sympathize with these sentiments, I do not believe either of these statements are really coming from the Holy Spirit.

I say this for two reasons: (1) The things happening in our country and in the world, especially right now, are too important not to talk about. For us Christians, they should be discussed, especially in the context of the Gospel, which means they should be discussed right here. (2) When we say we shouldn't talk about politics, I believe we are speaking from our fear, and fear is not from the Holy Spirit. The risen Christ says to his apostles, "Do not fear", and the Holy Spirit sent out the disciples to speak boldly.



Pope Francis

@Pontifex



MAY GOD'S BLESSING COME DOWN UPON
ALL YOUR FAMILIES, SO THAT THEY MAY
BE PLACES OF LOVE AND FORGIVENESS.

August 26

FR. MARK'S MUSINGS

Of course, when we do discuss politics with each other, we don't want it to turn into a yelling match. My own tendency is to let my emotions get the better of me, so I have to monitor the volume of my voice and my hand gestures, especially because I have a short fuse, a loud voice, and I'm tall—this can be an intimidating combination!

Marriage counselors will tell you that couples will inevitably fight—in fact, there are times when they need to, in order to resolve an issue. However, it is important that they learn to “fight fair.” This is true for political conversations also. There are ways of not fighting fair, besides the obvious ones like threatening, mocking, or bullying.

A workshop I went to actually used a military term, suggesting that there be “rules of engagement” in such a conversation. Of course, in a spontaneous discussion, there is no time to formulate rules, but let me suggest some general do's and don'ts. (I'm not saying I follow all these myself, but I try to!) These are based on real conversations that I have had with lots of people, especially in the last year.

-Try to avoid “hit and runs.” At times I have had people make an emotional or controversial point with me, then say, “I don't have time to discuss this,” and dart away. Obviously, this isn't very helpful. On the other hand, we need to also respect the other person's time limitations. I need to periodically “check in” with the other person and make sure they do have time to talk.

-When I get emotional, I get impatient and want to get everything out at once; I'm also afraid that the other person won't give me a chance to say everything I want to say. But I need to trust the other person, and not make too many points at once or talk too long without giving the other person a chance to jump in.

-Try to avoid making disingenuous statements, such as this one I have heard from time to time: “I don't follow politics much”—then the person rattles off a long string of opinions. If you don't follow politics much, you shouldn't have so many strong opinions!

-Try not to say things that are obvious, or utter pious platitudes about politicians—these can be a tip-off that you're being defensive. Example 1: “He/she isn't perfect.” This says nothing—Mother Theresa wasn't perfect, and neither was Hitler! Example 2: “We should pray for our leaders”—yes, of course, but this is often said to deflect legitimate criticism of a politician.

-Know which words are “dirty words” and which aren't—many people seem to get confused on this. Neither “socialism” nor “capitalism” are dirty words—though many people talk as if the former is intrinsically evil, while the latter has no flaws. Neither “liberal” nor “conservative” are dirty words.

“Patriotism” is not wrong, but “nationalism” actually is. A patriot says, “I support my country when it is right, and work to change what is wrong.” A nationalist says, “My country, right or wrong,”

and implicitly believes that he/she gets to define who's a patriot and who isn't. Unfortunately, there is a lot of nationalism in our country now.

-Try to be balanced. Try to get at least some of your news from sources that are more oriented toward facts than opinions, and try to talk once in a while with people who don't share your views. Don't criticize the media for “always saying negative things” about someone when they're simply reporting what the person said or did. In conversation, don't call something a person says “their opinion” when they are actually stating an established fact.

-Most especially, don't put the candidate that you oppose under a microscope, while wearing blinders as you look at your own candidate. In one extreme case, a man not from this parish told me he had read four books about one particular situation that was mishandled by the candidate he opposed—but he seemed to know virtually nothing about scandals involving his own candidate!

-Lastly, when staking out your own position, be aware of Catholic teaching, and also be aware of History.

Our pope and bishops have teachings on many issues, not only abortion. You can take a position that differs from that of Church leaders, but if you do, you should be able to give good reasons why—reasons rooted in facts, not just fears or prejudices. (I myself differ from official Church teaching on one or two things, and I can tell you exactly why.)

The thinking of both John Paul II and Pope Francis is heavily weighted toward nonviolence. Many of us believe that nonviolence is a nice idea, but doesn't work in the real world. My reading of history suggests the opposite—yes, there are lots of bad people in the world, but actually it is violence that is altogether impractical. The human tendency to look first for violent solutions to our differences is a consequence of original sin.

-Finally, History is important. When looking at the history of race relations here in Detroit, this history did not begin with the 1967 riots—a lot of things happened before 1967 that many of us aren't aware of and/or don't like to talk about. If you don't know this history, you can have a very distorted view of racial issues. I encourage you to learn this history.

LABOR DAY MASS

Monday, September 3rd // 9:00 AM

The office will be closed Saturday through Monday 9/1-9/3

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN
SEP 2
MASS
7:30 AM // CH
MASS
9:30 AM // CH
MASS
11:30 AM // CH
MASS
5:30 PM // CH

MON
SEP 3
MASS
9:00 AM // CH

TUE
SEP 4
HOLY HOUR
7:00 AM // CH
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
ADORATION CHAPEL WITH BENEDICTION AT 6PM
8:30 AM // RC
ROSARY MAKERS
9:00 AM // ECR
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
6:30 PM // SH
CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
6:30 PM // FCR
USHERS MEETING
7:00 PM // RC

WED
SEP 5
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
SCRIPTURE GROUP
9:30 AM // RC

THU
SEP 6
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
YOUNG AT HEART
11:00 AM // RC
CROCHET GROUP
11:00 AM // SH
ALTAR SOCIETY POTLUCK DINNER
6:00 PM // SH
CATECHIST MAKE UP MEETING
6:00 PM // SH

FRI
SEP 7
HOLY HOUR
7:00 AM // CH
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP
8:45 AM // SH
GALLO/PITCHER REHEARSAL
6:00 PM // CH

SAT
SEP 8
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
GALLO/PITCHER WEDDING
2:00 PM // CH
CONFESSIONS
3:15 PM // CH
MASS
4:30 PM // CH

SUN
SEP 9
MASS
7:30 AM // CH
MASS
9:30 AM // CH
MASS
11:30 AM // CH
MASS
5:30 PM // CH
EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YG
6:30 PM // YR

CALENDAR LOCATION KEY //

A-Atrium, CH-Church, CR-Classrooms, CY-Courtyard, ECR-Executive Conference Room, FCR-Front Conference Room, GS-Gathering Space, K-Social Hall Kitchen, MA-Maintenance Room, MR-Music Room, OS-Off Site, RC-Resource Center, REC-Rectory, SH-Social Hall, YR-Youth Room

PARISH OFFICE HOURS // 586-286-1700

MONDAY - THURSDAY
8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

LUNCH HOURS
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

SATURDAY
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SUNDAY
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

TUESDAY LUNCH HOUR
12:00 AM - 1:30 PM

ST. VINCENT dePAUL



"No matter what our circumstances, we can find a reason to be thankful." - Dr. David Jeremiah. Because of your generosity, 35 families are very grateful to you, our parishioners, for making it easier to prepare their children to go back to school this year.

If you can, please help us replenish our Pantry with:

- Any fruits
- Any canned pastas - ravioli, etc.
- Tuna, chicken or any canned meats
- Chunky or Progresso soups
- Spaghetti sauce - jars or cans
- Rice and pasta sides
- Mashed potato pouches
- Peas
- Cereal
- Pork & beans
- Brownie mix
- Frosting
- Laundry soap
- Toilet paper

BABY PANTRY



Lord, teach me:

- to comfort those in tears,
- to give to the needy,
- to understand others,
- to listen to the voiceless.

If possible, please donate:

- Pull-Ups size 2T-3T
- A & D ointment

"It's time for Christians to astound the world with our generosity, kindness, patience, courage, thoughtfulness, and selfless care for the weak, poor, and forgotten." (Matthew Kelly - taken from *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*.)

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY



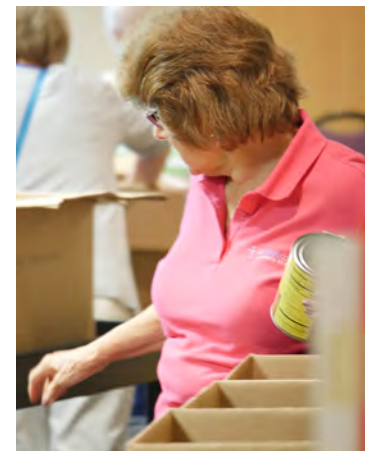
Prayer blankets & shawls are available in the office

Prayer blankets and shawls are made by volunteers. They craft them with love from the heart and care deeply about the recipient. The volunteers pray as they work and believe their work is guided by The Holy Spirit. Our blankets and shawls are meant to be a blessing and a help in lessening burdens and worries.

Please get one of our prayer blankets or shawls – free of charge - in the St. Isidore office for a person you know who needs comfort because of a medical, emotional, or spiritual crisis in their life.

Pray for those who need comfort.

SVDP BACK TO SCHOOL DISTRIBUTION



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:30 AM

People of the parish
 Evelyn Edwards
 † Pellerito Family
 † Henry De Cook
 † Kate DePonio
 † Petrina Boyd

Mary Lou + Ron
 Family
 Richard + Jeannie
 Family
 Family

9:30 AM

† William Goike
 † Paolo Zappa
 † Spaus
 † Emil + Joanne Howell

Wife & family
 Family
 Petranka Sopask
 Nina + William

11:30 AM

† Esse & Grace Salamie
 † Giuseppa Palazzolo
 † Mary Vesper
 † Giovanne Puccio
 † Josephine & Antonio

Cheryl + Bill Cobert
 Family
 Beth Beebe
 Family
 Family

5:30 PM

† Henry Graca (ann.)

Randy + Mary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

† Eugene Herc
 † Glenn Cook
 † Lena Mercadanti
 † Dorothy Jenkins

Wife
 The Campbells
 Friend
 Matta family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

† Brian Williams
 Marah Pugh (birthday)

Sister Carole
 Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

† Petrina Boyd (4th ann.)
 Tim + Victoria Roddy family
 † Nick Bartkowicz
 † Vito Natuzzi

Family
 Family
 Irene Maciag
 Elisa + family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Mr + Mrs Eric Haglund + family
 † Albert "Bill" Hallaert (7th ann.)
 † Neil Bogedin

Parent
 Wife + family
 Rob + Mary Lee

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

† Malvina DiFillippo
 † George Nikoriuk
 † Pietro Carlesimo
 † Norbert + Virginia Craigo
 † Michael Majchrzak
 Bill Chmielewski
 † William (Bill) Pullen (67th wedding ann.)
 † Maria Di Nardo (67th ann.)
 David + Eileen Kaslatas (40th ann.)
 † Paul Grzelewski (1yr ann.)

Daughter + family
 Wife, Carole
 Wife + family
 Niece
 Wife Eleanor
 Sister
 Wife + family
 Jon + Marilyn Henry
 Family
 Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:30 AM

Gary Pugh (birthday)
 † John Nguyen Viet Luy
 † Joseph Tuan Hoang
 † Helen Doan
 All Souls in Purgatory
 Aiden Trompeta (1st birthday)

Family
 Kelly Doan
 Kelly Doan
 Kelly Doan
 Kelly Doan
 Family

9:30 AM

People of the parish
 † William Goike
 † Anna Rosa Haranczak
 Porto family
 Desjardins family
 Valentage family

Wife & family
 Friends
 Family
 Family
 Family

11:30 AM

† Pauline Licavoli
 † Joseph Poma
 † Robert + Cecilia Kebbe
 † Mary Vesper
 † Bill Fisher

Rosalie Schellschmidt
 Family
 Family
 Beth Beebe
 Mom

5:30 PM

† Molnar, Dunkel + Mueller families
 † Albert Hallaert

Eleanor Zizzi
 Wife + family

POPES MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION // SEPTEMBER

Young People in Africa - That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



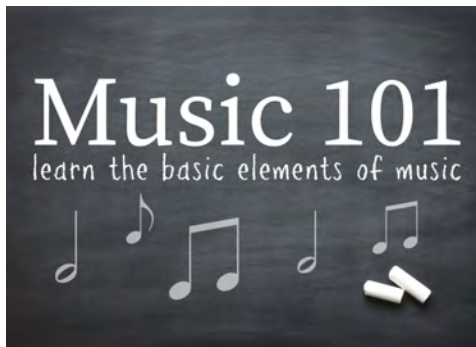
Saturday/Sunday, September 8-9

APPAREL STORE

Update: Due to the holiday, the apparel store will be open September 8/9

Stock up on all remaining tees & polos at the lowest price we have ever sold them at our *End of Summer* sale next weekend only.

Buy any tee or polo and get one for only \$5.



Wednesday, September 12

MUSIC 101

LEARN THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF MUSIC

Do you wish you could read music? Music 101 is here for you!

This short class will teach you the very basics about music and give you a foundation that will help you read music whether in the choir or in the pews.

All are welcome!

Sign up at:

www.stisidore.church/music-101-learn-the-basics-of-music/



September 10 - 12

TIME FOR FALL CLEANING!

We would love to have your useable, "no longer needed" items for the upcoming St. Isidore rummage sale. We accept appliances, furniture, gardening tools, dishes, glassware, pots and pans, decorating accessories, etc., and gently used clothing and shoes. **Please donate items only in good condition.**

Rummage sale donation drop-off days:

Monday, Sept 10th • 9AM - 5PM

Tuesday, Sept 11th • 9AM - 5PM

Wednesday, Sept 12th • 9AM - 1PM



Saturday, September 8

SUBIACO RETREAT

JOIN US AT THE SUBIACO RETREAT HOUSE, ST. BENEDICT MONASTERY, OXFORD, MI

Visit us for a day of spiritual enrichment in this sacred space nestled in the hills of Oakland County.

September 8, 2018, 9:30AM to 3PM

- Our Spiritual Sisters: Their Stories and Our Women from scripture, our spiritual companions.

For all dates or more info visit : www.subiacoretreathouse.com



September 13 - 14

RUMMAGE SALE DAYS

Thursday, Sept 13th - 9AM - 10AM – Early Bird Admission of \$1.00
10AM - 5PM - Regular Sale Hours- no entry fee

Friday, Sept 14th - 9AM - 1PM - Bag Day (\$3.00/bag, ½ off larger items)

For Questions, call:

Jan Stark - 586 749-9423

Sue Schwark - 586 949-6907



Wednesday, September 12

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join young adult Catholics for fellowship, food, fantastic speakers, and faith.

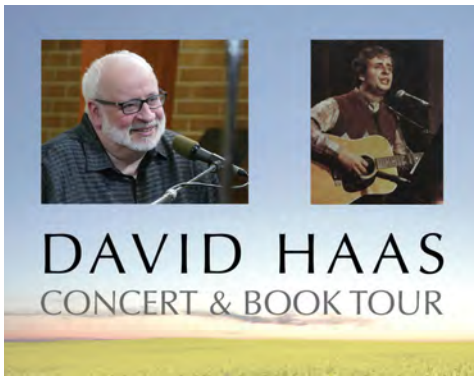
For September, Deacon Bill Stimpson presents the topic:

Prophets of Hebrew scripture:

How their lessons are important in our modern times.

At a new location! Sherwood Brewing (45689 Hayes, Shelby Township)

Questions? Call Gretchen 586-286-4065



Saturday, September 15
DAVID HAAS CONCERT AND BOOK TOUR

"I Will Bring You Home"
SONGS of PRAYER, STORIES of FAITH
 Join David Haas for this extraordinary event. David will take you on a journey of songs and reflections born from over 30 years of liturgical composition.

Saturday, September 15 | 7:00 PM
Tickets: \$10 Pre-sale / \$12 at the door
 Children 12 and under \$5
 Call the office for tickets: 586-286-1700



Saturday, September 22
NAVIGATING BEYOND NEGATIVITY

A morning of inspiration and renewal featuring a presentation by Kathy A. Eubanks. Kathy inspires and enables attendees to counter adversity with reaffirmed faith and renewed hope.

Purchase early bird tickets for \$15 by September 1 (\$20 after).
For tickets and more info, visit our website.



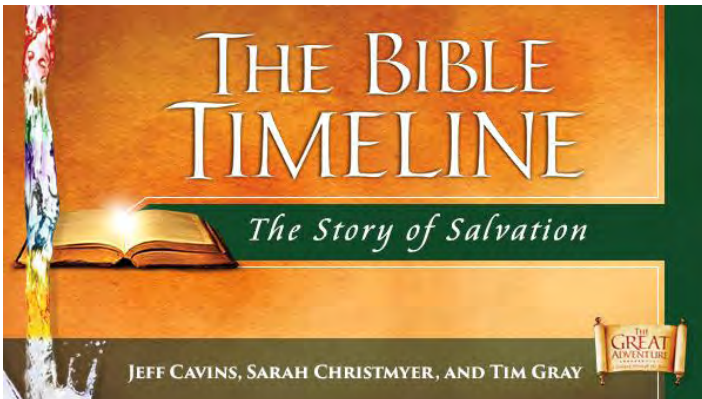
Sunday, September 30
FRANCISCAN FRIAR INFO NIGHT

Catholic men, 18-35, interested in hearing about Franciscan Religious Life are invited to Church of the Transfiguration Friary, 25231 Code Road in Southfield on September 30, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The evening will include prayer, dinner, and informal conversation. No commitment is expected;

Contact Fr. Jeff Scheeler, OFM,
 scheelerj@transfigsfld.org
 (248) 356-8787 x 3107.

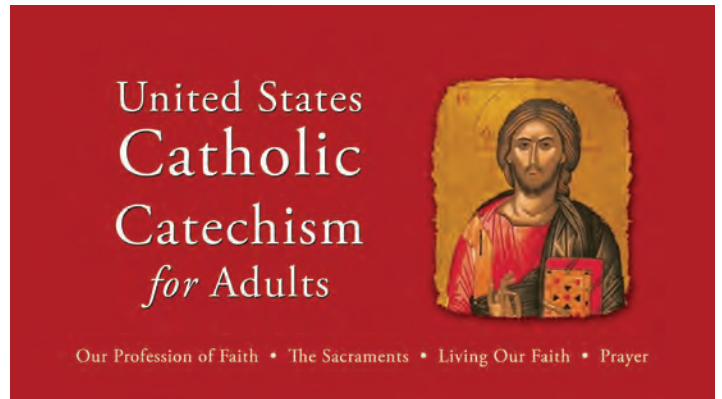
COMING THIS FALL: TWO NEW STUDIES

If you want a better understanding of our faith and a deeper relationship with God, we will be offering two new studies:



If you want a better understanding of our faith, and a deeper relationship with God, then you should join us for *The Bible Timeline* Study, on the **2nd and 4th Mondays** of each month, beginning **September 10, 2018**.

By being a part of this study, you will not only benefit personally, but you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we all grow closer to Christ. **Cost is \$35.**



The Catechism was written to deepen our knowledge of the Catholic faith. Let's read the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* together. The study of our Catholic Faith will focus on the Church's teachings on **Our Profession of Faith, The Sacraments, Living Our Faith, & Prayer.**

The group will meet **Wednesday mornings** beginning **September 19**. Each week the group will read and discuss a portion of the Catechism. Your homework will be to grow in understanding and wisdom. **Cost is \$15.**

More information contact Ray Karam: evangelization@stisidore.church
 Register through the church office.

READINGS



SUNDAY

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5;
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk
7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MONDAY

1 Cor 2:1-5;
Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101,
102; Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY

1 Cor 2:10b-16;
Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,
13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY

1 Cor 3:1-9;
Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21;
Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY

1 Cor 3:18-23;
Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY

1 Cor 4:1-5;
Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40;
Lk 5:33-39

SATURDAY

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;
Ps 13:6ab, 6c;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

SUNDAY

Is 35:4-7a;
Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10;
Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Margaret Abraham
Bob Aguis
Mary Aguis
Jonathan Bisdorf
Debbie Bobchick
Marion Bruck
James Bruinsma
Thomas Buback
Judy Campau
Silvio Caringi
Jerry Lou Colozani
Sabrina Conforti
Margaret Daigneau
Pam DeClercq
Kathryn Dickinson
Mary Domsic
Glades Dorish
Isaiah Ford
Margo Fraser
Jason Gaca
Mark Gatahof
Richard Gdowski
Patty Guaresimo
Cecilia Haarz
Patricia Haight
Lucia Iacovetta
Jenny Kasselmann
Chris Klann
Lynne Klann
Dan Kosek
Roger Krzeminski
Frank Maccagnone
Vince Mariani
Kathy Marsack
Ronald Mattei

Tim McGrath
Janet McDonald
Marie Mar cath
Kathy Marsack
Deanna Mejia
Michels Family
Martha Mironski
Andy Nicosia
Marge Nizzio
Jeri Nofs
John Orsini
Sue Palazzola
Natalie Perini
Louisa Pietrowsky
Stanley Pluszczynski
Pete Randazzo
A.J. Reider
Christine Schafer Scott
Len Sitek
Janice Sledz
Styf Patricia
Blanche Szatkowski
Breanna Talmadge
Anthony Tancredii
Albert Toccaceli
Alice Trysh
Curtis Wellhausen

MILITARY LIST



PFC Tanner Adkins Army – Afghanistan
WO1 Jeremy Bentley Army – Iraq
Pvt. Troy Ciaramella Army – USA
Sgt. Sean Collins Marines
Hannah Cook Marines – USA
Sgt. Tyler Dean Army – Kuwait
PFC Anthony Difatta Army – Afghanistan
Christian Bobbish Navy
LCpl Blake Doetsch Marines
PFC Brian Domzalski Marines
PFC E3 Jeffrey Frame Army
Justin Francis Army
WO4 Jason Gaboury Army Kuwait
Capt. Wade Gaboury Air Force – USA
Sgt. James Galowski, Jr. Army – Middle East
PFC John Gellert III Army
Michael Giacalone Coast Guard – Afghanistan
Lt. David R. Grzywacz Navy
LCpl David Horton Marines – Afghanistan
Maj. Jeffrey Jablonski Army – Michigan
Cpl Logan Jabouri Marines
J. Jackson Navy
Staff Sgt. Ethan Jensen Air Force – Afghanistan
CPL. Griffin Kozakf Marines – California
Sgt. Edward Kujawa Marines
Jason Kurpiewski Navy – Afghanistan
Spec. Michael Manning Army – Afghanistan
Tristan Newton Navy
Courtney Osborne Navy – Afghanistan
PFC Matt Piotke Army – Iraq
MC2 Jeffrey Richardson Navy – Afghanistan
Sr. Airman Justin Santiago Air Force – Guam
Joel Sebastian Army
Chief John C. Sbraccia Navy – Kuwait
Sr. Airman Jeremy Spanski Air Force –
Afghanistan
Cpl. Jeremiah Stewart Army – Afghanistan
PFC Anne Vassas Marines – California
Gjelosh Vata Army
PFC. Nicholas York Marines – New York

REST IN PEACE

CYNTHIA BARNES

Entered eternal life on August 23
Wife of Edgar

LEONARD MIRONSKI

Entered eternal life on August 24
Husband of Martha

CYBIL CAMPERNEL

Entered eternal life on August 25
Mother of Andy

LUISA SCENNA

Entered eternal life on August 26
Wife of Raffaele, mother of Robert

BAPTISMS

CHARLOTTE JANE

Daughter of Robert and Carla Lynch

ISABELLA JANE

Daughter of Anthony and Sandra Ostrowski

BLAKE THOMAS

Son of Brian and Bernadette Wenson

WILLIAM JAMES

Son of Taylor and Jillian Miller

EMMA ROSE

Daughter of Kyle and Kimberly Houston

MUSIC MINISTRY KICKOFF

Music is one of the top reasons people choose a church. With the start of a new season, we are looking to **you** to make our music ministry at St. Isidore stronger. We have opportunities for all ages to be involved. No auditions or experience are necessary to sing at St. Isidore! **For more information, visit www.stisidore.church/music**



The Joyful Noise Children's Choir is a fun ensemble for children and involves joyful singing and the learning of basic fundamentals of music for children in grades 1-6. The Joyful Noise Children's Choir sings at weekend Mass once per month.

For more information, contact Claire at claire@stisidore.church or call 286-1700 ext. 2122

REHEARSALS

Wednesdays at 5:30 PM
Beginning September 12



All musical teens are invited to join the St Isidore Teen Ensemble. Vocalists, instrumentalists in high school through college are invited to share their gifts and talents supporting the musical prayers of our community at weekend Mass once per month.

For more information, contact Amy at amy@stisidore.church or call 286-1700 ext. 2109

REHEARSALS

Thursdays at 7:00 PM
Beginning September 20



One voice can have a big impact on the worship experience. So why not give music ministry a chance and add further meaning to your worship experience on Sunday.

We've put together a simple way to help you figure out where you can best use the musical gifts God gave you. We are calling these **Open Mic Sessions**.

Open Mic Sessions are a great way to explore the different options of music ministry from praise teams to the choir and **try it before you buy it**. If you don't feel that music ministry is right for you, then you can still support the singing from the congregation.

For more information, contact Matt at matt@stisidore.church or call 286-1700 ext. 2126

OPEN MIC SESSIONS (CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH!)

Tuesday, September 18 at 7 PM
Wednesday, September 19 at 7 PM

**OPEN
MIC
SESSIONS**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL INFO NIGHT

St. Lawrence Catholic School // **Wednesday, September 26**

This event is open to the public and geared toward families of students in grades 5-8. Visit with representatives of the following Catholic high schools to learn more about their spiritual, academic, athletic and co-curricular programs:

- Academy of the Sacred Heart
- Bishop Foley Catholic HS
- Cardinal Mooney High School
- Everest Collegiate
- Notre Dame Preparatory
- Shrine Catholic High School
- University of Detroit Jesuit
- Austin Catholic High School
- Brother Rice High School
- DeLaSalle Collegiate
- Marian High School
- Regina High School
- St. Mary's Preparatory

You may also obtain information regarding the High School Placement Test for 8th graders, freshman application process, scholarships and tuition assistance programs. We hope to see you at St. Lawrence Catholic School (44429 Utica Rd, Utica, MI 48317) on Wednesday, September 26!

Middle School

- MINISTRY -

KICKOFF

09 / 09 / 18

Following the 5:30PM Mass.
All Middle School teens:

Our ministry has a new Name and Look! Come and see what our ministry is all about! Come see how you can live your faith in a fun and awesome way!

High School

- MINISTRY -

KICKOFF

09 / 16 / 18

Following the 5:30PM Mass.
All High School teens:

Food, Fun, and Fellowship!
Evening will be held in Fr. Ron's backyard!

Event will conclude at 9pm

K OF C MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



It's my pleasure to introduce to you the Knights of Columbus. You may already know about the Knights from our council here or from some of our other 15,000 councils worldwide. The nearly 2 Million members of the Knights of Columbus form the largest Catholic fraternal group in existence. As Knights, we serve our parish

and community while working each day to create a better world through charity. If you are looking to live out your faith in a spirit of charity by helping others, the Knights of Columbus welcomes you to join us.

Knights and their families have the opportunity to become involved in the council's charitable, faith-based and social program, becoming part of our Knights of Columbus family.

Over the past decade, men like you have enabled the charitable donations of the Knights of Columbus to reach more than One Billion, Four Hundred Million Dollars and individual Knights have donated more than 664 Million hours to charity.

Since its founding in 1882 by Venerable Servant of God Father Michael McGivney, the first principle of the Order has been charity; we actively assist the Church and our neighbors in need.

We were founded to protect the livelihood of Catholic families, and that commitment means that we continue to provide our members and their families with top quality life insurance and annuity products.

No life insurer in North America has a higher rating than the Knights of Columbus.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to join us in our work for God and neighbors. As a members of the Knights of Columbus, a man does not only strengthen his faith in the here and now. Through his support of community and Church, he will form friendships with his fellow Knights that can last a lifetime. And, he can do his part to make a difference in our parish, our community and our world for generations to come.

As much good work as the Knights of Columbus has done in the past decade, we could do even more with your help. Join us and help be the difference in your community and Church.

St. Isidore Knights of Columbus will be conducting a membership drive in our parish September 8th and 9th after all the Masses. Parishioners, who are Knights will be there to answer your questions about the Knights of Columbus and our local council.

AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL



Austin Senior Athletes represented ACHS at Catholic Schools' 3rd Annual Rosary Rally at Ford Field!

Our classrooms, hallways and chapel are once again filled with learning and laughter. Your prayers for our students and teachers as they begin another wonderful school year are greatly appreciated!



For more information, call us at 586-200-0143 to schedule a school tour!

*Providing New Opportunities...
With Long Standing Tradition.*

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Straight to the Point is a new men's bible study starting up this fall on Tuesdays at 6AM. Yup... that's not a typo... six in the morning. Why? It's a great way to start the day and still get to work on time. STP is lectionary based, focusing on the weekend's readings and our Connecting Point. STP will be done in an hour and there will be coffee!

This is a great way to become more excited and prepared for Mass.

Beginning September 18.

Join other professionals in adding this to your morning routine. Questions? Contact Chris Kozlowski • chris@stisidore.church

DEACON BILL

This Is Mine! You Can't Have It!

If you have or have had young children, you have probably heard more than once during an interaction with another child: "This is mine, you can't have it!" Quite often, I suppose, that an adult, a parent, an older sibling, a teacher, etc. may enter the argument, encouraging the "possessive youth" to "be nice and share." One of the many important "lessons" we are to learn in "kindergarten" is the social value of sharing. Certainly, if we read the Scriptures we can find many places where we are commanded by Jesus to "share." There is though, a difference between "sharing" and allowing one's self to be taken advantage of, by an "abusive receiver." In my limited experiences, I have met and experienced the immense generosity of parishes throughout the diocese who provide unimaginable amounts of food, clothing, baby products, and MONEY to "share" with the poor. Our food pantry, our baby pantry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, etc. could not exist outside the Christian generosity of parishioners. The command of Jesus, the "lessons of kindergarten" are not lost here at St. Isidore.

Unfortunately, where ever there are generous givers, there are people who will try to abuse generosity; take as much as they can for themselves regardless of "need." In the years I managed a food pantry in the inner city, I experienced a few (probably only two or three out of three or four hundred) people who seemed unashful about driving up to a food pantry in a Mercedes SUV. One recipient returned a box of Cheerios, because his children only ate Sugar Frosted Flakes. [I suggested that perhaps his children weren't hungry enough.] Yet, the overwhelming majority of people who received food from our pantry were in desperate need, and extremely gracious and grateful. [One person was so grateful, that when she finally got a job, she organized a food drive where she worked and invited her Baptist church to contribute food to our pantry.] Every Thanksgiving and Christmas, we would get hand crafted cards from people thanking us for being there in their need. We were Christians, where else could we be?

As Christians we are challenged to be good stewards of our generosity. The Archdiocese of Detroit, along with the USCCB, expends tremendous efforts to identify charitable organizations who actually provide the benefits they raise money toward. Just because an appeal comes with the name of a priest or bishop, does not mean that organization is necessarily a good steward of the monies they receive. But, these are examples of possessions we have a right to give away, or not, and to what degree. There are though, things that lie outside the boundaries of rightful possession – principle among these are PEOPLE. A moral argument against slavery demands that no person can be owned by another person or corporate entity. The Civil War was fought in America primarily over this fundamental principle.

Another critical "possession" that can never legitimately be offered "for sale" or "trade" is one's nation. Nations are not areas of land mass, they are people connected by history, by values, by principles. Nations can only be lived in, they are the possessions of all people. We can, here in America, legitimately call ourselves Americans as an Identity only, not as "sole possessors" of territory.

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STEWARDSHIP

Budget update as of: August 27, 2018
Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$ 24,519.23
Actual Amount Received: \$ 21,107.73
Comparison to budget: (\$3,411.50)

Fiscal Year to Date: July 1, 2018 to August 27, 2018
Budgeted Amount: \$ 220,673.07
Amount Received: \$ 208,092.39
Comparison to Budget Target: (\$12,580.68)

This week:
Envelopes Returned: 634
Online Gifts: 79
Percentage of people making contributions: 21%

CSA as of August 13, 2018
CSA 2018 Goal \$ 184,093.00
CSA 2018 Pledges \$ 203,376.00
CSA 2018 Payment on pledges \$ 158,530.37
***Monies returned to the parish \$ 20,955.50**

**If pledges are paid in full, this money will be returned to the parish in full. Additionally, this money will not be part of future CSA calculations, nor will it be part of the AOD assessment.*

CSA MINUTE

"We Are Witnesses: Taking Back the Night – Taking Back the Community," an initiative of the Black Catholic Ministry Office, will take place on the streets of the Archdiocese throughout September.

Catholics will meet at 9 p.m. to pray, sing, and join in fellowship with their brothers and sisters in the community on the street corners near the Detroit parishes of Nativity from September 4-7, St. Augustine and St. Monica from September 10-14, St. Mary's of Redford from September 17-21, and St. Charles Lwanga from September 24-28.

Your CSA gifts allow our Archdiocese to minister to African American Catholics and predominantly African American parishes through the archdiocesan Office for Black Catholic Ministry. The office's mission is to highlight, enhance, and celebrate the contributions of those in the black Catholic community as they share their gifts with the Church and society.



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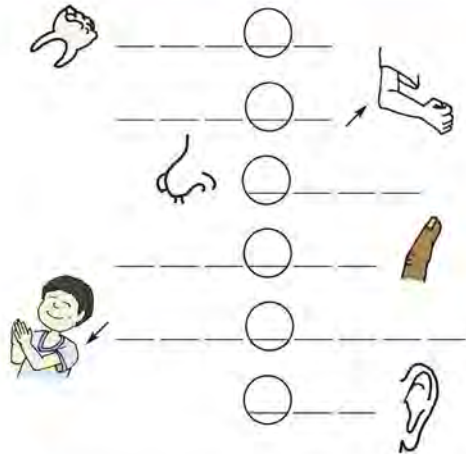
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James encourages us to control what we do with 1 little body part in particular!

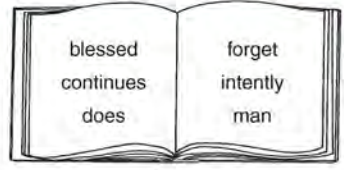
Name the body parts. Use the circled letters to complete the warning.



If anyone considers himself religious and does not control his _____, his religion is worthless.

Listening to God's Word and obeying it is the key to being blessed.

Put the words into the correct blanks to complete the message. Unscramble the boxed letters to find a most important instruction.



The who . . .

- looks _____ into God's Word,
- _____ to study it,
- doesn't _____ what he has heard, and
- _____ it

. . . is _____

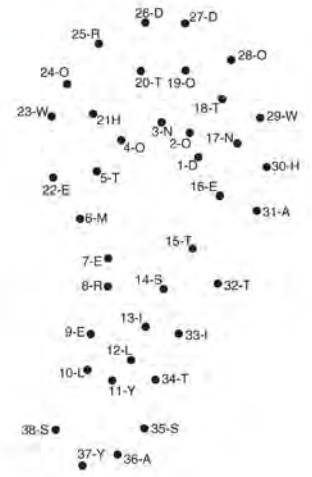
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Listening and Doing

Knowing what God wants us to do is good – but it is not good enough.

Connect the dots and write the letters in order on the blanks.



Sometimes it is good to be quick, but sometimes it is better to be slow. Do you know the difference?

Use the key to spell the missing words. Add the numbers in each word. Write QUICK in the speed blank for the highest sum and SLOW in the speed blank for the other 2.



A = 3	B = 1	L = 9	R = 12
E = 2	C = 5	M = 4	S = 19
I = 20	G = 8	N = 7	T = 23
O = 6	K = 15	P = 21	Y = 10



Everyone should be . . .

_____ SPEED _____ to _____ 9 20 19 23 2 7 _____

_____ SPEED _____ to _____ 19 21 2 3 15 _____, and

_____ SPEED _____ to _____ 1 2 5 6 4 2 _____

_____ 3 7 8 12 10 _____